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Dear Pharmacy Provider:

As a convenience, cost savings and quality improvement measure, Wisconsin Medicaid is encouraging recipients to receive a 100-day supply of certain maintenance drugs. Recipients can receive a 100-day supply either directly or via mail from their pharmacy. This initiative will reduce the cost of copayments to recipients and will promote continuity in the use of maintenance drugs. The use of 100-day supply drugs via mail delivery by Medicaid certified-retail pharmacies is an allowed practice under current policy.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare, and SeniorCare allow a limited number of maintenance drugs to be dispensed in a 100-day supply to assure continuity of use for certain necessary medications. The following list of maintenance drugs may be dispensed in amounts up to a 100-day supply, as prescribed by a physician.

Maintenance Drugs Allowed in 100-Day Supply

- Digoxin, digitoxin, and digitalis
- Hydrochlorothiazide and chlorothiazide
- Prenatal vitamins
- Fluoride
- Levothyroxine, liothyronine, and thyroid extract
- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin
- Oral contraceptives
- Insulins
- Generic oral hypoglycemic drugs

Billing Process

A prescribing physician must indicate the appropriate quantity to be dispensed on the prescription to allow the pharmacy to dispense the maintenance drug in a 100-day supply. For example, if the prescription is written for Phenytoin 100 mg., take one capsule three times daily, the pharmacy may dispense up to 300 capsules as long as the prescribing physician has indicated that quantity on the prescription.

Steps to Dispensing

In order to dispense maintenance drugs in a 100-day supply, pharmacies should follow the steps listed below. Once the pharmacy has received the prescription from the prescriber:

- 1) Verify the prescription is for a medication allowed in a 100-day supply.
- 2) When appropriate for the recipient and if the prescriber has not indicated a 100-day supply on the prescription, pharmacies should contact the prescriber's office to request a change in the quantity to be dispensed.
- 3) A pharmaceutical care-dispensing fee may be billed once per prescription, per recipient for each prescription the pharmacy is able to change from a 30 or 34-day supply to a 100-day supply. This

pharmaceutical care code may be billed only once per day and only twice per year per recipient. When billing pharmaceutical care for a SeniorCare participant, please obtain consent for participants in all levels of participation. Please see pharmaceutical care billing information below.

- **Reason for Service:** NS Insufficient Quantity
- **Professional Service:** M0 Prescriber contacted.
- **Result of Service:** 1F Order filled with different quantity (100-day supply).
- **Level of Effort-Fee:** 11-\$9.45

Please refer to the Drug and Utilization Review/Pharmaceutical Care Section of the Pharmacy Handbook for additional information as well as documentation and billing requirements for this pharmaceutical care code.

4) Dispense the prescription, filled with a 100-day supply of the medication, to the recipient.

Mail Delivery Option

Current law allows Wisconsin Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies to deliver prescriptions via mail. Wisconsin Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies may dispense and mail any prescription or over-the-counter medication to a Medicaid or BadgerCare fee-for-service (FFS) recipient or a SeniorCare participant at no additional cost to the recipient or to the Medicaid program.

Currently, several Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies dispense and mail 100-day supply medications to recipients at no additional cost to Medicaid or to the recipient. When filling prescriptions for Medicaid, BadgerCare, or SeniorCare, please consider using the mail delivery option, particularly for medications filled with a 100-day supply.

Enclosed with this letter is an informational handout for Medicaid and BadgerCare FFS recipients and SeniorCare participants explaining the 100-day supply policy. It also includes a basic set of instructions for recipients to follow to obtain their medication in a 100-day supply. The handout should be distributed to recipients as prescriptions are picked up or mailed.

This policy applies to Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare FFS recipients as well as SeniorCare participants. Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) must cover all drugs covered by FFS, but are allowed to place their own restrictions on those drugs. Therefore, Medicaid recipients who are in an MCO may have different days supply requirements than FFS.

Thank you for your assistance in making the Medicaid program more cost-effective.

If you have any additional questions, please call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627.

Sincerely,

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